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SUBJECT: SUMMARY HUMAN RIGHTS ACTION PLAN

REF: STATE 193973

1. EMBASSY IS PLEASED WITH EA/PHL'S DRAFT HUMAN RIGHTS ACTION PLAN (REFTEL). FOLLOWING ARE SUGGESTIONS KEYED TO THAT DRAFT, WHICH WE UNDERSTAND OBVIATES NEED FOR SEPARATE REPLY TO STATE 180953.

2. RE ITEM ONE:

- A. IN FIRST SUBPARA, SUGGEST DELETION OF "--INCLUDING SOME IN THE MARCOS CAMP --" AS TOO IMPRECISE TO BE MEANINGFUL.
- B. SUGGEST REWORDING OF SUBPARA ON "LEGAL OPPOSITION" AS FOLLOWS: "LIMITED ACTIVITIES BY REGIME OPPONENTS, PROVIDED THEY DO NOT ADVOCATE VIOLENCE. MARCOS' STRESS ON "NATIONAL UNITY" MAY IMPLY THAT THE OPPOSITION IS TO BE PERMITTED SOME MEANINGFUL ROLE IN INFLUENCING NATIONAL POLICIES." SUBPARA AS DRAFTED UNREALISTICALLY COMBINES IMPORTANT MANILA-BASED OPPOSITION GROUPS -- SALONGA, TANADA, MACAPAGAL, AQUINO, ETC. -- WITH
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NEGLEGIBLE NON-KBL REPRESENTATION IN INTERIM ASSEMBLY.

- C. SUGGEST BEGINNING LAST SUBPARA AS FOLLOWS: "A TRADITION OF ATTACHMENT TO LEGAL PROCEDURES..." MARCOS IS NOT ALONE IN THIS.
- D. SUGGEST ADDITIONAL SUBPARA, VIZ: "MARCOS'

AWARENESS OF GROWING PUBLIC IMPATIENCE WITH CONTINUED EXISTENCE OF MARTIAL LAW, WHICH HAS RESULTED IN FREQUENT PLEDGES (AND SOME ACTIONS, E.G., ESTABLISHMENT OF INTERIM LEGISLATURE AND STEPS TOWARD PHASEOUT OF MILITARY TRIBUNALS) TO MOVE TOWARD ENDING IT.

3. RE ITEM TWO: SUGGEST ENTIRE ITEM BE REVISED AS FOLLOWS:

- GOP IS SUSCEPTIBLE TO US PRESSURE BECAUSE OF (A) THE SPECIAL AFFINITY FILIPINOS FEEL FOR THINGS AMERICAN AND FILIPINO SENSITIVITY TO OUR OPINION OF THEM, (B) OUR MILITARY RELATIONSHIP, INCLUDING THE MUTUAL DEFENSE TREATY, THE MILITARY BASES AND OUR MILITARY ASSISTANCE, AND (C) OUR ECONOMIC ASSISTANCE PROGRAM THAT RUNS ABOUT \$100 MILLION ANNUALLY.
 - ON THE OTHER HAND, THE GOP WILL BE RESISTANT TO US PRESSURES BECAUSE OF (A) THE FORMER COLONIAL RELATIONSHIP AND ITS RESULTANT SENSITIVITIES, (B) A DESIRE TO BE SEEN AS TOTALLY INDEPENDENT BY RUSSIA, CHINA AND THE THIRD WORLD, (C) THE FACT THAT OUR SECURITY INTERESTS IN THE PHILIPPINES MAKE US SOMEWHAT HOSTAGE, AND (D) THE FACT THAT OUR BILATERAL ECONOMIC ASSISTANCE IS ONLY ABOUT 13 PERCENT OF TOTAL FOREIGN ECONOMIC AID TO THE PHILIPPINES, AND MUCH OF OURS IS PL-480 ASSISTANCE.
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4. RE ITEM THREE:

- A. USE OF TERM "SALVAGING" IN QUOTES WITH PARENTHETICAL DEFINITION PERHAPS OVEREMPHASIZES THIS PROBLEM. SUGGEST WORDING BE REVISED TO READ: "...TORTURE AND DISAPPEARANCE OF DETAINEES..."
- B. SUBPARA ON TRAVEL BAN SEEMS OVERDRAWN. WHILE SOME ARE STILL DENIED AUTHORIZATION FOR TRAVEL, CONTROLS ARE CONSIDERABLY MORE RELAXED THAN A YEAR AGO. SUGGEST SUBPARA BE REVISED TO READ: "FURTHER RELAXATION OF RESTRICTION ON OVERSEAS TRAVEL BY CRITICS OF THE GOVERNMENT."
- C. SUGGEST THE FOLLOWING SUBPARAS BE ADDED:
 - "--COMPLETION OF THE ANNOUNCED TRANSITION FROM MILITARY TO CIVILIAN TRIALS FOR CIVILIAN NATIONAL SECURITY OFFENDERS."
 - "--CONTINUED PROGRESS ON THE DEVELOPMENT FRONT,

I.E.,IN AGRICU-TURE AND RURAL DEVELOPMENT AND IN SUCH
BHN AREAS AS NUTRITION, FAMILY PLANNING, HEALTH SERVICES,
HOUSING AND EMPLOYMENT."

5. ITEMS FOUR AND FIVE ARE EXCELLENT AS DRAFTED.

6. IS THERE A TIME-FRAME APPLICABLE TO ACTION PLAN?

7. NOTE FOR EA ONLY CAPTION. MURPHY

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